Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-24.   (canceled)

25.   (original) A method for prefetching documents associated with a search, comprising:

identifying a document that includes one or more links, each of the links corresponding to a linked document;

analyzing each of the links in the document;

determining a score for each of the links; and

prefetching a number of the linked documents corresponding to a number of the links based on the determined scores.

26.   (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the document includes a web page.

27.   (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the document includes a list of links or a hierarchical directory.

28.   (original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:

receiving selection of one of the links in the document;

determining whether the selected link corresponds to one of the prefetched

documents, and

      providing the one prefetched document when the selected link corresponds to the

one prefetched document.

      29.   (original) The method of claim 28, further comprising:

      retrieving the linked document corresponding to the selected link from a server

when the selected link does not correspond to one of the prefetched documents.

      30.   (original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:

      performing an address lookup for a number of the links.

      31.   (original) The method of claim 30, wherein the prefetching includes:

      using the address lookup to prefetch the linked documents corresponding to the

number of the links.

      32.   (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the prefetching includes:

      prefetching the linked documents corresponding to all of the links in the

document.

      33.   (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the determining a score includes:

      for each of the linked documents, determining scores for one or more linking

documents that contain links to the linked document,

      determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the scores of the

one or more linking documents, and

      associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the

corresponding links.

      34.   (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the determining a score includes:

      determining a clickthrough rate for each of the linked documents,

      determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the determined

clickthrough rates, and

      associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the

corresponding links.

      35.   (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the determining a score includes:

      determining a popularity of each of the linked documents,

      determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the determined

popularity, and

      associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the

corresponding links.

      36.   (original) The method of claim 35, wherein the determining a popularity

includes:

      for each of the linked documents, determining a popularity of a web site

containing the linked document, and

      associating the popularity of the web site to the linked document.

37. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the determining a score includes:

receiving a query from a user,

determining a score for each of the linked documents using the received query, and

associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links.

38. (original) The method of claim 37, wherein the determining a score for each of the linked documents includes:

for each of the linked documents, comparing the query with contents of the linked document, and

determining a score for the linked document based on a degree of match between the query and the contents of the linked document.

39. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the determining a score includes:

receiving input from a user,

determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the received input, and

associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links.

40. (original) The method of claim 39, wherein the determining a score for each of

the linked documents includes:

for each of the linked documents, comparing one or more words of the received input with contents of the linked document, and

determining a score for the linked document based on a degree of match between the one or more words and the contents of the linked document.

41.   (original) The method of claim 25, wherein the prefetching includes:

retrieving the linked documents with scores of the corresponding links above a predetermined threshold.

42.   (currently amended) A system, implemented within a computer device, for prefetching documents associated with a search, comprising:

a browser configured to retrieve a document that includes one or more links, each of the links corresponding to a linked document; and

a browser assistant configured to identify each of the links in the document, determine a score for each of the identified links, and prefetch a number of the linked documents corresponding to a number of the identified links based on the determined scores.

43.   (currently amended) A web browser embodied in a computer-readable medium memory device, comprising:

instructions for identifying a document that includes one or more links, each of the links corresponding to a linked document;

instructions for identifying each of the links in the document;

instructions for determining a score for each of the identified links; and

instructions for prefetching the linked documents corresponding to a number of the identified links based on the determined scores.

44.   (currently amended) A computer-readable ~~medium~~ memory device that stores instructions executable by at least one processor to perform a method for prefetching documents associated with a search, comprising:

instructions for obtaining search results that include one or more links, each of the links corresponding to a linked document;

instructions for analyzing each of the links;

instructions for determining a score for each of the links; and

instructions for prefetching the linked documents corresponding to a number of the links based on the determined scores.

45.   (original) A method for prefetching documents associated with a search in a network that includes a client and a plurality of servers, comprising:

requesting, by the client, a document that includes one or more links, each of the links corresponding to a linked document;

providing, by one of the servers, the requested document to the client;

analyzing, by the client, each of the links in the requested document;

determining, by the client, a score for each of the links;

requesting, by the client, a number of the linked documents corresponding to a number of the links based on the determined scores; and

providing, by one or more of the servers, the requested linked documents to the

client.

46.   (previously presented) A computer-implemented method for supplementing a

document with links to related documents, comprising:

analyzing a document to identify one or more pieces of information;

determining a link to a related document for each of the identified pieces of

information by performing a search of a set of documents based on each of the identified pieces

of information; and

adding the links to the document.

47.   (previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the pieces of

information include at least one of a name, a product, a publication, or a key phrase.

48.   (original) The method of claim 47, wherein when the pieces of information

include one or more names, the determining a link includes:

for each of the names, identifying one or more related documents that include a

link associated with the name, and

determining one or more links corresponding to the identified documents.

49.   (previously presented) The method of claim 47, wherein when the pieces of

information include information regarding one or more products, the determining a link includes:

for each of the products, identifying one or more related documents associated

with at least one of a producer, a seller, or a review of the product, and

>determining one or more links corresponding to the identified documents.

50.   (original) The method of claim 47, wherein when the pieces of information include information regarding one or more publications, the determining a link includes:

>for each of the publications, identifying one or more related documents that include the publication, and

>determining one or more links corresponding to the identified documents.

51.   (original) The method of claim 47, wherein when the pieces of information include one or more key phrases, the determining a link includes:

>for each of the key phrases, identifying one or more related documents that include the key phrase, and

>determining one or more links corresponding to the identified documents.

52.   (original) The method of claim 46, wherein the determining a link includes:

>sending each of the identified pieces of information to a server, and

>receiving a link corresponding to each of the identified pieces of information from the server.

53.   (previously presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the search is performed using one of a search engine or a hierarchical directory.

54.   (original) The method of claim 46, wherein the adding the links includes:

modifying the document to include the links.

55.   (original) The method of claim 46, wherein the adding the links includes:

providing a separate document that includes the links.

56.   (currently amended) A system, implemented within a computer device, for

supplementing a document with links to related documents, comprising:

a browser configured to identify a document; and

a browser assistant configured to

analyze the document to identify one or more pieces of information,

determine a link to a related document for each of the identified pieces of

information by performing a search of a set of documents based on each of the identified pieces

of information, and

provide the determined links with the document.

57.   (currently amended) A web browser embodied in a computer-readable ~~medium~~

memory device, comprising:

instructions for identifying a document;

instructions for analyzing the document to identify one or more pieces of

information;

instructions for determining a link to a related document for each of the identified

pieces of information by performing a search of a set of documents based on each of the

identified pieces of information;

        instructions for presenting the document with the determined links to a user.

      58.   (currently amended) A computer-readable ~~medium~~ <u>memory device</u> that stores instructions executable by at least one processor to perform a method for supplementing a document with links to related documents, comprising:

        instructions for identifying one or more pieces of information in the document;

        instructions for determining a link to a related document for each of the identified pieces of information by performing a search of a set of documents using each of the identified pieces of information; and

        instructions for providing the determined links with the document.

      59.   (previously presented) A method for supplementing a document with links to related documents in a network that includes a client and a server, comprising:

        requesting, by the client, a document;

        providing, by the server, the requested document to the client;

        analyzing, by the client, the requested document to identify one or more pieces of information;

        determining, by the client, a link to a related document for each of the identified pieces of information by performing a search of a set of documents based on each of the identified pieces of information; and

        modifying, by the client, the requested document to include the links.

60. (currently amended) A hypertext browser assistant embodied in a computer-readable ~~medium~~ memory device, comprising:

instructions for detecting selection of one or more words in a document currently accessed by a user;

instructions for generating a search query using the selected one or more words;

instructions for retrieving a document based on the search query;

instructions for identifying one or more pieces of information in the document;

instructions for determining a link to a related document for each of the identified pieces of information by performing a search of a set of documents based on each of the identified pieces of information;

instructions for adding the links to the document;

instructions for prefetching a number of the related documents corresponding to a number of the links; and

instructions for presenting the document to the user.

61. (previously presented) A method for facilitating a search, comprising:

detecting selection of one or more words in a document currently accessed by a user;

generating a search query using the selected one or more words;

retrieving a document based on the search query, the document including one or more links corresponding to a linked document;

analyzing each of the links;

prefetching a number of the linked documents corresponding to a number of the

links;

        presenting the document to the user;

        receiving selection of one of the links;

        retrieving the linked document corresponding to the selected link;

        identifying one or more pieces of information in the retrieved document;

        determining a link to a related document for each of the identified pieces of information by performing a search of a set of documents based on each of the identified pieces of information; and

        providing the determined links with the related document to the user.